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Mr. Patrick E. Haggerty Chairman of the Board The Rockefeller University

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Dear Pat:

I am writing to ask the Board to confer upon me the title of Professor as well as President at The Rockefeller University. This would be a symbolic step of considerable meaning to my colleagues both at the University and on advisory and review committees throughout the country. In view of my professional background, and the expectations for the academic content of my anticipated role, this would be a customary dignity for which there are innumerable precedents at other institutions. The designation of Professor should improve the climate of review of some major programatic funding efforts in which I intend to play an intellectually substantive as well as administrative role.

Without making any great formality of further qualification, I suggest that it would communicate the appropriate message if the style were either "University Professor" or "Professor of Biomedical Sciences."

Yours cordially,

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